KEA SDA Syllabus and Exam Pattern 2026

Second Division Assistant and equivalent posts · Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA)

Exam pattern

Paper	Subject	Questions	Marks	Duration
Paper 1	General Knowledge	100	100	2 hours
Paper 2	General Kannada, General English, Computer Knowledge	100	100	2 hours

- **Compulsory Kannada language test:** 08-01-2027, 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Multiple choice, 150 marks; you need at least 50. It is set at the level of SSLC first-language Kannada, and its marks do not count towards selection.
- **Exempt from the Kannada test:** candidates who studied Kannada as a first or second language in SSLC, an equivalent or a higher examination, who passed such an examination in Kannada medium, or who have already passed a compulsory Kannada test of the Commission or another selection authority.
- **Mode:** offline, on an OMR sheet; four answer options for every question.
- **Negative marking:** 0.25 marks are deducted for each wrong answer. For a question you do not answer, shade the 5th circle (5 extra minutes are given after the final bell); if no circle is shaded, 0.25 marks are deducted.
- **Qualifying marks:** at least 35% in the competitive examination. Selection is through online counselling, on total marks, reservation and your order of preference.

Exam dates

Cadre	Paper 1 10:30–12:30	Paper 2 2:30–4:30	Posts
Kalyana Karnataka (KK)	16-01-2027	16-01-2027	635
Rest of Karnataka (RPC)	17-01-2027	17-01-2027	2,070

Dates and post numbers (SDA and equivalent posts) are as in the notifications of 29-10-2026; KEA may revise them.

Eligibility and fee

- Qualification: Second PUC or equivalent. Some posts need particular subjects or an additional qualification — see the notification.
- Age: minimum 18; maximum 40 (General Merit), 43 (2A/2B/3A/3B), 45 (SC/ST/Category-1), including the one-time 5-year relaxation.
- Application fee: ₹750 for General Merit and 2A/2B/3A/3B; ₹500 for SC/ST/Category-1, ex-servicemen and transgender candidates; ₹250 for persons with disabilities.

Syllabus

Paper 1 — General Knowledge (100 marks)

KEA published this syllabus in Kannada. The English wording is our translation; the Kannada text under each item is the official one.

1. General knowledge relating to current events
   ಪ್ರಚಲಿತ ಘಟನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಜ್ಞಾನದ ವಿಷಯಗಳು
2. Matters of everyday perception (awareness from daily life)
   ದೈನಂದಿನ ಗ್ರಹಿಕೆಯ ವಿಷಯಗಳು
3. A broad overview of the Constitution of India
   ಭಾರತದ ಸಂವಿಧಾನದ ಸ್ಥೂಲ ನೋಟದ ವಿಷಯಗಳು
4. History of India, especially as it relates to Karnataka
   ವಿಶೇಷವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಭಾರತದ ಇತಿಹಾಸ
5. Geography of India as it relates to Karnataka
   ಕರ್ನಾಟಕಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಭಾರತದ ಭೂಗೋಳ ವಿಷಯಗಳು
6. State and regional administration
   ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ಆಡಳಿತ ಕುರಿತ ವಿಷಯಗಳು
7. Development of Karnataka's economy, including measures relating to rural development, Panchayat Raj institutions and rural co-operative institutions
   ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಉಪ ಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಒಳಗೊಂಡಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಆರ್ಥಿಕತೆಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕುರಿತ ವಿಷಯಗಳು
8. Environmental issues and development in Karnataka
   ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಪರಿಸರ ಸಂಬಂಧಿ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕುರಿತ ವಿಷಯಗಳು

Paper 2 — languages and computer (100 marks)

1. General Kannada
   ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಕನ್ನಡ
2. General English
   ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಇಂಗ್ಲಿಷ್
3. Computer Knowledge
   ಕಂಪ್ಯೂಟರ್ ಜ್ಞಾನ

The notification names these three subjects only; it gives no topic list and no split of marks between them.

Official documents

This page is transcribed from the official documents below. If anything differs, the official document is correct.

- KEA notification ED/KEA/17/2026 (KK), 29-10-2026 — SDA, Kalyana Karnataka (KK) (Kannada PDF)
- KEA notification ED/KEA/16/2026 (RPC), 29-10-2026 — SDA, Rest of Karnataka (RPC) (Kannada PDF)
- Karnataka Examinations Authority — official website

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